

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 415, Utah State Capitol

January 28, 2015

Members Present: Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Chair
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Staff Present: Mr. Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Ms. Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary
Ms. Brooke Parrish, Committee Secretary

NOTE: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

S.B. 66 Unauthorized Activity on State Land (*Sen. M. Dayton*)

Sen. Dayton explained the bill to the committee:

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Jason Curry, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to place the bill on the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

S.B. 40 Water Law - Application Withdrawal (*Sen. M. Dayton*)

Sen. Dayton explained the bill to the committee:

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Kent Jones, State Water Engineer

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

S.B. 35 Water Rights Amendments (*Sen. M. Dayton*)

Sen. Dayton explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Sterling Brown Utah Farm Bureau
Mr. John Mabey, Water Attorney, Mabey, Wright and James
Mr. Kent Jones, State Water Engineer

Spoke to the bill: Mr. Craig Smith, attorney representing Myton, Utah

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Shiozawa absent for the vote.

S.B. 56 Wildland Fire Policy (Sen. E. Vickers)

Sen. Vickers explained the bill to the committee:

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Brian Cottam, State Forester/Director Forestry, Fire & State Lands
Mr. Coy Porter, State Fire Marshall
Mr. Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau
Ms. Kathleen Clark, Director Public Land Policy Office

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to adopt the following amendment:

1. *Page 2, Lines 47 through 52:*

- 47 (1) The director shall:
48 (a) coordinate the development of a comprehensive, state-wide wildland fire
49 prevention, preparedness, and suppression policy; {and}
(b) coordinate with applicable state agencies to identify critical wildlife habitat areas
as the policy described in Subsection (1)(a) is developed; and
50 ~~{(b)}~~ (c) report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim
Committee
51 by November 30, 2015, on the director's recommendation for the policy described in
52 Subsection (1)(a).

2. *Page 2, Line 57 through Page 3, Line 61:*

- 57 (b) create fire-adapted communities, ensuring that human populations and
58 infrastructure can withstand a wildfire without loss of life or property; {and}
59 (c) improve wildfire response, ensuring that all political subdivisions can participate in
60 making and implementing safe, effective, and efficient risk-based wildfire management
61 decisions {; } ; and
(d) reduce risks to wildlife, such as the greater sage grouse, which can be devastated by
wildfire.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass the bill as amended out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Shiozawa absent for the vote.

Chair Jenkins relinquished the chair to Sen. Dayton

S.B. 45 Crossbow Hunting Provisions (Sen. S. Jenkins)

Sen. Jenkins explained the bill to the committee. He distributed the handout "Crossbow Fundamentals" to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Mr. Greg, Sheehan, Director, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Kelly Hicks, cross bow enthusiast

Spoke against the bill: Mr. Miles Moretti, President Mule Deer Foundation
Mr. Ben Lowder, Utah Bowman's Association

Mr. Lowder distributed handout from the "Pope and Young Club"

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Jenkins, Sen. Dayton, Knudson, and Shiozawa voting in favor and Sen. Christensen, Sen. Iwamoto, and Sen. Vickers voting against the vote.

S.B. 89 Aquatic Invasive Species Fee (*Sen. S. Jenkins*)

Sen. Jenkins explained the bill to the committee:

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Greg Sheehan, Director, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Spoke to the bill: Commissioner John Valentine, Utah State Tax Commission

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Linda Townes, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to replace S.B. 89 with 1st Sub S.B. 89 motion passed etc.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to pass 1st Sub S.B. 89 etc. out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Chair